

## **Listed Buildings at Risk**

### **Indicator**

Number of listed building graded I and II\* which are at risk.

### **Status**



The number of listed buildings at risk within Worcestershire is fair and improving (note that this indicator has yet to be updated. A new historic environment indicator is expected to be published in autumn 2011).

### **Overview**

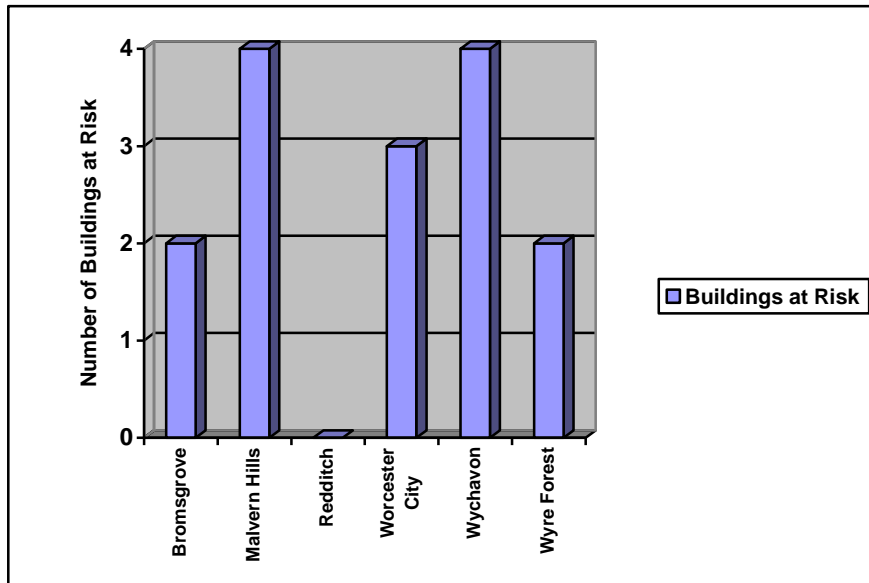
English Heritage publishes an annual national register of Buildings at Risk. This identifies listed buildings graded I and II\* which are at risk for a variety of reasons. The buildings are graded in priority in relation to the necessity for action, e.g. 'rapid deterioration with no solution agreed to repair', 'a scheme in progress but not yet implemented'.

The vast majority of all listed buildings are Grade II and therefore not covered by English Heritage's list. Some District Councils have therefore prepared and maintained their own local Buildings at Risk registers for all grades of Listed Buildings.

### **Performance**

As at May 2009, the number of grade I and II\* listed buildings identified as 'at risk' in Worcestershire was 15, down 1 from previous figures. This represents a 6 percent reduction. Nationally the reduction has been 3.2%.

Buildings at Risk 2009, by Local Authority



District	Number of Listed Buildings	Number of grade I and II* Buildings at Risk	% of I and II* Listed Buildings at Risk
Bromsgrove	474	2	0.4%
Malvern Hills	1860	4	0.2%
Redditch	165	0	0%
Worcester City	701	3	0.4%
Wychavon	2430	4	0.15%
Wyre Forest	903	2	0.2%
Worcestershire	6533	15	0.2%

Source: English Heritage and Local Authority Data, 2009

## Geographical Context

Of the 172 grade I and II\* buildings at risk in the West Midlands region, 8.7 percent are within Worcestershire, down from 9.3 percent in 2008.

## Actions

More Local Authority staff time needs to be given to encouraging owners to undertake and complete necessary repairs. Recent changes in the national property market and economic climate will influence the rate at which remaining buildings on the register are tackled. It would be useful to assemble further statistics for risk levels affecting grade II listed buildings and locally listed buildings to provide an overall assessment of the health of historic buildings in Worcestershire.

## Further information

For more information, visit the English Heritage web site  
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/buildingsatrisk>